

October 27, 2010

**Anne Arundel Judges Slate  
c/o Laura Robinson, Chairman  
7419 Baltimore/Annapolis Blvd.  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060-3592  
[Hand-delivered and/or via facsimile]**

**Re: Alison Asti**

**Dear Anne Arundel Judges Slate:**

Please be advised that I am representing Alison Asti, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, regarding maliciously false and misleading advertising and dissemination of information concerning Ms. Asti by your campaign. This information is being disseminated through many people, including Ted Staples, Esquire and others, that are directly working for your campaign, which in turn, makes their conduct your responsibility as indicated in a most recent opinion by the Maryland Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee. Although Ms. Asti understands the nature of politics and the rhetoric that goes along with campaigning, to publish and cause to be published and disseminated information and facts that are totally false does not conform to the rules found in both the Judicial Canons of Ethics and/or the rules set forth by the Maryland Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee.

In case you are unaware of the accurate facts pertaining to allegations currently being made by members working for your slate, please be advised and take formal notice of the following:

1. Alison Asti is presently a member of The McCammon Group which provides mediation services in the Mid-Atlantic region. This fact is advertised monthly in the Anne Arundel County Bar Bulletin, which includes a photograph prominently identifying Ms Asti. She is not unemployed.
2. Ms. Asti is not collecting unemployment benefits.
3. Ms. Asti's departure from the Maryland Stadium Authority did not in any way relate to the 2007 Audit. The items in the Audit principally related to actions of the former Executive Director, and not as to Ms. Asti. Those facts are set forth in the Stadium Authority's formal response to the Audit, which is a matter of public record and attached to the Audit on the Department of Legislative Services Website.

4. Ms. Asti was in no way involved in the negotiation of the settlement agreement which provided for a \$42,000 payment to former Executive Director Richard Slosson. This matter was handled by the Office of the Attorney General and approved by the Stadium Authority Board.
5. The Audit issue relating to the Orioles rent payments for advertising signage was still unresolved in the 2010 Stadium Authority Audit.
6. Following the Audit in question, Ms. Asti was given an exceptional performance rating by her Board, and was given a \$15,000 bonus for her superior performance.
7. At no time did anyone ever allege that Ms. Asti had in any way failed to perform in a superior fashion under her contract with the Maryland Stadium Authority. In fact, the Stadium Authority board negotiated a \$400,000 settlement with Ms. Asti for the early termination of her contract. This information is available in numerous newspaper articles and in the Minutes of the proceedings of the Maryland Stadium Authority. It has been verified to me by the Chairman of the Board of the Maryland Stadium Authority, Robert McKinney, who was Chairman during the relevant time period and evaluated Ms. Asti's performance. Please feel free to contact Mr. McKinney directly so that you will have a correct understanding of these facts.
8. Any suggestion that Ms. Asti was terminated from the Stadium Authority for cause or is currently unemployed is false and misleading and potentially both slanderous and libelous.

Ms. Asti has done nothing but conducted herself in accordance with the rules governing judicial elections, keeping her campaign totally positive. Please cease and desist any further dissemination of those and other untrue, false, and misleading allegations so that formal complaints to the appropriate Committees or future lawsuits for libel and slander will not become necessary.

Your prompt response to these concerns is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

**Arthur M. Frank**

cc: Alison Asti, Esquire  
The Honorable Laura Kiessling, Judge  
The Honorable Ronald Jarashow, Judge  
Mr. Andrew R. Lombardo, Treasurer  
Maryland Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee  
James Astrachan, Esquire